

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, :
: 24-MJ-481 (CLP)
v. :
: August 1, 2024
JACOB ISRAEL WALDEN, :
: Brooklyn, New York
Defendant. :
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TRANSCRIPT OF CRIMINAL CAUSE FOR ARRAIGNMENT
BEFORE THE HONORABLE SANKET J. BULSARA
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

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1 THE CLERK: Criminal cause for arraignment
2 on a complaint, 24-MJ-481, United States v. Jacob
3 Israel Walden.

4 Counsel, starting with the government,
5 please state your appearances for the record.

6 MR. SANDLAR: Good afternoon, your Honor.
7 Leonid Sandlar for the United States.

8 THE COURT: Good afternoon.

9 MR. BIENENFELD: Good afternoon, Judge.
10 Saul Bienenfeld, 680 Central Avenue, Cedarhurst, New
11 York, for the defendant.

12 THE COURT: Okay. Good afternoon.

13 And good afternoon, Mr. Walden. Mr. Walden,
14 the reason that you're here today is because the
15 government has filed some criminal charges against you
16 in a document that's called an complaint, okay? I'm
17 going to tell you first what your rights are and then
18 talk to you about what happens next in your case, but
19 I'll ask you first what I ask everyone who comes to our
20 court for the first time.

21 You have no trouble speaking or
22 understanding English, correct?

23 THE DEFENDANT: Correct.

24 THE COURT: Okay. Mr. Walden, as someone
25 who has been charged in a federal criminal case, you

1 have certain rights that stay with you throughout your
2 case. The first such right is your right to remain
3 silent. That means you don't have to make a statement
4 at any time. You don't have to speak to law
5 enforcement. If you've spoken in the past and made a
6 statement in the past, you don't have to make a
7 statement in the future. But if you do make a
8 statement, that statement can be used against you.

9 Do you understand that, sir?

10 THE DEFENDANT: Yes.

11 THE COURT: Okay, all right. You also have
12 a right to counsel, which is a right to a lawyer. You
13 have a right to have that lawyer represent you at every
14 stage of your case from the time you're charged until
15 however your case ends, including any trial or any
16 appeal. If you couldn't afford a lawyer, the Court
17 would appoint one for you. If you wish to represent
18 yourself, you have the right to do that as well.

19 Do you understand your right to a lawyer,
20 sir?

21 THE DEFENDANT: Yes.

22 THE COURT: Okay. Is Mr. Bienenfeld --
23 Have I mis-pronounced your name?

24 MR. BIENENFELD: Bienenfeld.

25 THE COURT: Bienenfeld -- your lawyer, sir?

1 THE DEFENDANT: Yes.

2 THE COURT: Okay. Counsel, have you had an
3 opportunity to review the complaint with Mr. Walden?

4 MR. BIENENFELD: Yes, we've reviewed the
5 complaint. I read it to him.

6 THE COURT: Okay. Mr. Walden, because the
7 government charged you in a document that's a
8 complaint, okay, which is basically where a law
9 enforcement officer swears out allegations against you,
10 you have the right to what's known as a preliminary or
11 probable cause hearing, okay? That's a hearing where
12 the government has to put on evidence for the Court to
13 conclude that there's probable cause or basically that
14 there's a certain probability to conclude that you
15 committed the crimes they want to charge you with,
16 okay?

17 Now, in this courthouse, there may not be --
18 even when there's someone who is charged in a
19 complaint, there may not be a hearing, and that can be
20 for one of two reasons. One reason can be that if the
21 government goes to a grand jury and gets an indictment
22 against you, the indictment becomes the charging
23 instrument and the complaint goes away. And under an
24 indictment, there's no hearing like the one I just
25 described.

1 The second reason that there may not be a
2 hearing is, someone who is charged in a complaint, they
3 can decide after talking with their lawyer that they
4 wish to waive their -- such a hearing.

5 Do you understand what I've explained, sir?

6 THE DEFENDANT: Yes.

7 THE COURT: Counsel, does your client have a
8 position on a hearing at this point?

9 MR. BIENENFELD: Yes. We're going to waive
10 the preliminary hearing.

11 THE COURT: Okay. The Court notes that Mr.
12 Walden is waiving his preliminary hearing. Okay.

13 At this point, I'm going to remind the
14 government of its obligations under Brady v. Maryland
15 that pursuant to Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 5f
16 and the cases that followed Brady, the government is
17 obligated to turn over to Mr. Walden any favorable
18 material information that relates to his guilt or to
19 his punishment, and it must do so with respect to such
20 information that's in its possession and do so as soon
21 as reasonably practicable. I'll issue a written order
22 that more fully details these obligations and the
23 consequences for failure to comply but I just need the
24 government to confirm orally that it understands that
25 it has Brady obligations to Mr. Walden and will comply

1 with them.

2 MR. SANDLAR: Yes, your Honor, we understand
3 our obligations and we plan to comply with them.

4 THE COURT: Okay. Anything else before I
5 proceed to bail from the government?

6 MR. SANDLAR: Not from the government.

7 MR. BIENENFELD: Nothing from the defense.

8 THE COURT: Okay. I understand that there's
9 an agreed-upon bail package with suretors, is that
10 correct?

11 MR. SANDLAR: Correct, your Honor.

12 THE COURT: Okay. Counsel, because of the
13 nature of what your client has been charged with, he's
14 subject to what are colloquially known as the Adam
15 Walsh conditions that are specific to someone charged
16 with offenses like these. My practice is in such a
17 case, because those conditions are rather detailed --
18 I'm going to give you the list of those conditions and
19 just have you review them with your client to make sure
20 she understands. They're also on the last page of the
21 Pretrial Services report. I'd also be asking the
22 suretors to read through them because they're going to
23 be suretors and these conditions matter to them. So
24 why don't we begin with just having your client review
25 them. If he's done that already, just let me know.

1 MR. BIENENFELD: While you were in chambers,
2 I had an opportunity to go in the back and review them
3 with him page 5 of the report.

4 THE COURT: Okay.

5 MR. BIENENFELD: I do have some what I would
6 -- I have some tweak if it's possible to the
7 conditions.

8 THE COURT: Okay. Typically, with the Adam
9 Walsh conditions, it is difficult to do many tweaks,
10 but let me know what you are suggesting and let me hear
11 the government's view on it and Pretrial Services'.

12 MR. BIENENFELD: First, we do not want an
13 ankle monitor or any other home detention locating
14 monitor. He has an office that he has to travel to and
15 I would be making some motions later on that he does
16 have work outside in other states that he would have to
17 go to. We also would like to add houses of worship,
18 synagogue, the ability for him to go and say prayers
19 three times a day as well as on Jewish holidays.

20 And then the condition, I believe it's 6,
21 that he can't be with his own children unless his wife
22 is there, she definitely needs some time alone where he
23 could watch the children and she just go out. I would
24 like to just say that he is allowed to watch his own
25 children. I understand that if it's someone else's

1 children, that a parent needs to be there. But at
2 least his own children, to give his wife an opportunity
3 to be away from the house without the children or to
4 have to be in the house, and then he could just watch
5 the children without his spouse there, without the
6 mother of the children. I'm limiting that to his own
7 children, obviously, Judge.

8 THE COURT: Okay. Can you just give me one
9 moment? Okay, a couple of things. Certainly there is
10 no problem with including religious -- and houses of
11 worship. That's not an issue at all.

12 As for his own children, is there any
13 objection from the government?

14 MR. SANDLAR: There is no objection from the
15 government. The conduct, the criminal conduct pertains
16 to electronic communication with minors. So far as
17 what's known to the government today, it does not
18 involve any conduct with minors, live minors if you
19 will, for lack of a better term. So on that record
20 that's known to the government at this time, your
21 Honor, there's no objection.

22 THE COURT: Okay. Counsel, I struck the
23 part that says "including his own children" from number
24 6 and added the language, "This does not apply to his
25 own children," okay?

1 PRETRIAL SERVICES: Your Honor?

2 THE COURT: Yes.

3 PRETRIAL SERVICES: (Ui) from Pretrial
4 Services. Just two points with regard to the concerns
5 defense counsel with the home detention.

6 THE COURT: I haven't gotten there yet.

7 PRETRIAL SERVICES: Okay. Your Honor, given
8 the nature of the charges, I understand that the
9 government is stating that it doesn't involve the
10 defendant's children. But being that I believe all
11 five of the defendant's children are under the age of
12 18, we are still requesting that that condition be
13 added and that the children not be left alone with the
14 defendant and that they be -- that the defendant be
15 allowed to be around the children just with Ms. Walden
16 present.

17 THE COURT: I understand and I appreciate
18 that that's a recommendation from Pretrial Services.
19 In light of the record here and the other substantial
20 conditions and the absence of prior criminal history,
21 I'm going to still -- I'm not going to apply condition
22 6 to his own children for now. Obviously, if we learn
23 something else, the government or Pretrial Services can
24 come to the Court.

25 PRETRIAL SERVICES: Your Honor, just to

1 clarify. So the defendant still is unable to be around
2 children under the age of 18 but he can be around his
3 own children unsupervised.

4 THE COURT: Correct.

5 PRETRIAL SERVICES: Okay.

6 THE COURT: Correct. So I struck paragraph
7 6, the part that says "including his own children."
8 But paragraph 7 still applies, which means he couldn't
9 take his children to a playground because there would
10 be other children who would be there, so that's why
11 it's -- I think this basically means paragraph 6
12 strikes the language "including his own children" and I
13 added the sentence, "this does not include his own
14 children."

15 You were saying something?

16 MR. SANDLAR: Just for the record, for
17 clarification, under 3142(c)(1)(B), which I understand
18 are the Adam Walsh conditions, they're triggered in
19 certain cases involving minor victims. As I read it,
20 strictly speaking, mere possession of child
21 pornography, 2252(a)(4), is not one of the covered
22 offenses. However, there's a big however which merits
23 inclusion, all of the conditions recommended by
24 Probation, which is the following: As the complaint
25 alleges, there are actual victims in this case. One of

1 them, just one of them is mentioned in --

2 THE COURT: We're all over the place here
3 and I'm not sure what you're talking about right now in
4 the sense of, I'm dealing with the issues raised by
5 defendant's counsel, okay? So don't bring up other
6 issues that are unrelated to that until I'm ready to do
7 so. But the question -- why is that not covered, the
8 victim issue covered by paragraph 9?

9 MR. SANDLAR: It is covered by paragraph 9.

10 THE COURT: So then --

11 MR. SANDLAR: As a legal basis, I wanted to
12 clarify with your Honor but I understood --

13 THE COURT: But also, counsel is not
14 objecting to that condition.

15 MR. SANDLAR: Correct.

16 THE COURT: Okay, all right, so let's deal
17 with this in the order in which the issues were raised,
18 okay?

19 MR. SANDLAR: Understood.

20 THE COURT: All right. Counsel, is there
21 any issue with the way I've crafted paragraph 6 at this
22 point?

23 MR. BIENENFELD: No, and I appreciate that,
24 Judge.

25 THE COURT: Okay. Now, I am not going to

1 remove the location monitoring device because it's an
2 ankle monitor and frankly, in light of the fact that
3 your client is prohibited from going to certain places
4 and is subject to a travel restriction, that's the way
5 to enforce that. So that I am -- the request to have
6 no ankle monitor and location monitoring is denied. I
7 will of course add to paragraph 5 religious services
8 and observances.

9 MR. BIENENFELD: And I note it says approved
10 and stationary employment. I assume that he would have
11 to ask them to approve his office located in Woodmere,
12 I guess. Is that your understanding, Judge?

13 THE COURT: Yes.

14 MR. BIENENFELD: Okay. So it's just a
15 matter of getting the location approved.

16 THE COURT: Exactly, and --

17 MR. BIENENFELD: And then he could go to
18 work there.

19 THE COURT: Exactly. Frankly, it also means
20 that there's -- and the last clause of as approved is
21 if there are things that come up to your point that he
22 are not in this category, he can also get approved by
23 Pretrial Services, okay?

24 Now let's talk about the location
25 restriction that you were discussing. I take it that

1 for now, there's no issue with the Southern District of
2 New York, New York City, and New Jersey.

3 MR. BIENENFELD: If we include New Jersey,
4 that would be very helpful. Where is Rockland County?
5 Is that in the Southern District?

6 THE COURT: That is in the Southern District
7 of New York.

8 MR. BIENENFELD: Okay, then we're good
9 there, also.

10 THE COURT: Okay, all right.

11 MR. BIENENFELD: And I will be making a
12 request -- no, I won't, never mind, withdrawn.

13 THE COURT: Okay. Anything else you want to
14 raise before I discuss this with your client?

15 MR. BIENENFELD: If there's any chance to
16 add Nebraska at this point, but I will talk to Pretrial
17 Services if there's isn't. But that's where the most
18 -- the bulk of his business is and that's where the
19 nursing homes are.

20 THE COURT: Well, let me say the following:
21 I'm not going to approve Nebraska. I will check the
22 box that says "as approved by Pretrial Services" so
23 that they know that if he's going to Nebraska, they
24 know when he is and that can be done.

25 MR. BIENENFELD: Thank you, Judge.

1 THE COURT: So it gives you the carve-out to
2 seek that application as opposed to having to come to
3 court to do that.

4 MR. BIENENFELD: Right.

5 THE COURT: Okay, anything else in terms of
6 the -- I want to make sure -- did I tick all the ones
7 you wanted to raise?

8 MR. BIENENFELD: I believe you did but just
9 give me one minute with my client.

10 THE COURT: Yes.

11 (Mr. Bienenfeld is conferring with the
12 defendant.)

13 MR. BIENENFELD: Judge?

14 THE COURT: Yes.

15 MR. BIENENFELD: I do want to add one more
16 thing that he would not need approval for, and that's
17 to go to twelve-step meetings, both -- let's just leave
18 it as twelve-step meetings because it's very helpful to
19 him at this point.

20 THE COURT: So this is -- this is what I'm
21 actually going to do, which is if you look at the --
22 and Mr. Walden will have an opportunity to look at it,
23 as will you. I'm going to strike item 5 in its
24 entirety but check the box on the bond form, which you
25 don't have in front of you, okay, which provides that

1 home detention includes religious service, substance
2 abuse, and mental health services. That falls under
3 that rubric.

4 MR. BIENENFELD: Okay. We're not talking
5 about home detention where he can't leave the home. He
6 can leave the home to go to his office if it's an
7 approved location by Pretrial Services.

8 THE COURT: Let me explain -- home detention
9 is not home incarceration.

10 MR. BIENENFELD: Right.

11 THE COURT: So home detention permits -- he
12 is restricted to his residence, except for a large
13 category of items, court appearances, court
14 obligations, attorney visits, religious services,
15 medical appointments, employment, education, substance
16 abuse, and health services, and other activities
17 approved in advance by Pretrial Services, which is --
18 which means he can go and leave his home for those
19 purposes. If he's going for some other purpose, he's
20 got to get Pretrial's approval.

21 MR. BIENENFELD: Right. And we're including
22 twelve-step meetings as part of mental health, correct?

23 THE COURT: Yes.

24 MR. BIENENFELD: Thank you, Judge.

25 THE COURT: Okay. Anything else?

1 MR. BIENENFELD: It's a big ask but what
2 about health recreational activities such as golfing.

3 THE COURT: That can be as approved by
4 Pretrial Services. If there's something that, in their
5 discretion, they think is appropriate, then he will
6 apply to them, but I'm not going to give a blanket at
7 this point carve-out, okay?

8 MR. BIENENFELD: Thank you.

9 THE COURT: Anything else from the
10 government on these conditions?

11 MR. SANDLAR: No, your Honor.

12 THE COURT: Okay. Mr. Walden, I'm prepared
13 to release you on bond provided that I am confident
14 that you understand the conditions on which you're
15 being released and the consequences of violating those
16 conditions, okay? So if you have any questions about
17 either the conditions or the consequences, I will
18 explain them to you, okay? Let me explain the
19 conditions.

20 There are standard conditions that apply to
21 everyone who is released on bond in this Court, which
22 means you have to appear for all court appearances.
23 You can't commit a federal, state, or local crime while
24 you're out on bail. You can't change your residence or
25 phone number unless you inform everyone here in

1 writing. That's your lawyer, that's the government,
2 that's Pretrial Services, and that's the Court. You
3 can't possess a firearm, a destructive device, or
4 similar weapon, and you can't possess a narcotic drug
5 or controlled substance unless you have a doctor's
6 prescription.

7 Do you understand those standard conditions?

8 THE DEFENDANT: Yes.

9 THE COURT: Okay. You are subject to
10 additional conditions that are specific to you. Those
11 are as follows: Pretrial Services is supervising you,
12 which means they can randomly ask you to appear before
13 them, either give them a phone call at a certain time
14 or come to their offices at a date and time, or they
15 can appear at your home or work, and you've got to
16 comply with those requests.

17 You've got to surrender any passport.

18 You've got to surrender any passport. Do you need a
19 moment?

20 THE DEFENDANT: No, I'm sorry, I didn't hear
21 what you said.

22 THE COURT: You have to surrender any
23 passport if you haven't surrendered it already and you
24 can't apply for any additional international travel
25 documents. You're subject to a travel restriction,

1 which means you can't leave the following areas unless
2 Pretrial Services approves it: That's New York City,
3 New Jersey, and what's known as the Southern District
4 of New York, which includes Manhattan, the Bronx,
5 Rockland County, and Westchester County, okay?

6 MR. BIENENFELD: He lives in the Eastern
7 District. I thought you also said Eastern District
8 before.

9 THE COURT: He lives in --

10 MR. BIENENFELD: He lives in Nassau County.

11 THE COURT: Okay. I'll check Long Island as
12 well.

13 MR. BIENENFELD: Okay.

14 THE COURT: So New York City, Long Island,
15 Westchester, Rockland, New Jersey, Manhattan, the
16 Bronx, basically all the boroughs, Long Island, New
17 Jersey, and Rockland and Westchester County are fine,
18 okay? If you're traveling outside of those areas, you
19 need to get Pretrial Services' approval for that. You
20 have to undergo evaluation and treatment for any mental
21 health condition and you're subject to what's known as
22 home detention, which is you'll have to wear an ankle
23 monitor and that means you can only leave your home for
24 certain things, which are court appearances, meeting
25 with your lawyer, religious services, medical

1 appointments, your job, any school, any mental health
2 or substance abuse services, or activities that
3 Pretrial approves.

4 Do you understand those conditions, sir?

5 THE DEFENDANT: Yes.

6 THE COURT: Okay. And in front of you are
7 -- what your lawyer has shown are what are known as
8 additional conditions, and the ones that apply to you
9 are from number 6 to the end.

10 Have you had a chance to review those?

11 MR. BIENENFELD: We've reviewed it, Judge,
12 thank you.

13 THE COURT: Okay. Mr. Walden, do you have
14 any questions about any of those conditions?

15 THE DEFENDANT: No.

16 THE COURT: Okay.

17 PRETRIAL SERVICES: Your Honor, I'm sorry to
18 interrupt, just one point. With regard to the location
19 monitoring condition, given the defendant's finances
20 and financial history, I don't know if your Honor
21 stated it already or scratched it off, but we would ask
22 that the defendant pay for part or all of the costs of
23 the location monitoring program or as determined by
24 Pretrial Services.

25 THE COURT: I thought that was -- that was

1 standard but if it's not explained -- that goes for any
2 monitoring on his computers as well as the ankle
3 monitor. If he has a financial ability to pay, he'll
4 be required to do so.

5 PRETRIAL SERVICES: Thank you.

6 MR. BIENENFELD: No objection.

7 THE COURT: Okay. Mr. Walden, let me
8 explain to you the consequences of violating any of
9 these conditions or not coming to court. First is --
10 let me just get organized. First, if you don't come to
11 court or you violate a condition, I or another judge
12 could issue an arrest warrant for your arrest, and that
13 could lead to you being held without bail for the rest
14 of your case. If you commit another crime while you're
15 out on bail, you're actually subject to three different
16 prosecutions.

17 One is the prosecution, the case that was
18 brought against you. Second, you could be prosecuted
19 for any crime you commit in the future. And third,
20 because you're out on bail, it's a separate and
21 independent federal offense to commit a crime while out
22 on bail. If you're convicted of that, committing a
23 crime while out on bail -- sometimes that's called bail
24 jumping -- you could be -- that sentence would have to
25 be consecutive, which means come after any sentence you

1 might receive in this case or for any other case, for
2 any other crime that you might commit.

3 Do you understand that?

4 THE DEFENDANT: Yes.

5 THE COURT: Okay. It's also a federal crime
6 to interfere with anyone who is a victim or witness in
7 your case.

8 Do you understand that?

9 THE DEFENDANT: Yes.

10 THE COURT: Okay. The other thing is, there
11 are -- I understand that there are a couple of folks
12 who are coming on to serve as sureties in support of
13 your release, and they're signing on to a bond. Is
14 that correct?

15 MR. BIENENFELD: Just his wife, who is
16 present in the courtroom, I believe.

17 THE COURT: Okay, just his wife as well as
18 Mr. Walden himself, correct?

19 MR. BIENENFELD: Of course.

20 THE COURT: Okay. And a property is being
21 pledged in support of that bond, is that correct?

22 MR. BIENENFELD: Correct.

23 THE COURT: Okay. So, Mr. Walden, you and
24 your wife are signing on to this \$200,000 and pledging
25 your property in support of that bond. What that

1 basically means is, if you violate one of these
2 conditions and don't come to court or don't come to
3 court, the government could seize the property without
4 actually having to do very much. That's what it means
5 to pledge property in support of a bond, and in
6 addition, if the property didn't meet the \$200,000
7 amount, the government could seek to collect from
8 either you or your wife up to any deficiency.

9 Do you understand that?

10 THE DEFENDANT: Yes.

11 THE COURT: Okay. Do you have any questions
12 about either of those? Any questions?

13 THE DEFENDANT: No.

14 THE COURT: Okay. Is it Rochelle (ph)
15 Walden? Could you come forward please? You're just
16 going to be sworn in and then we're going to ask you
17 some questions, okay?

18 MR. BIENENFELD: She will affirm if that's
19 okay.

20 THE COURT: That's fine.

21 (Surety is affirmed.)

22 THE CLERK: State your name for the record.
23 Speak into the microphone.

24 MS. WALDEN: Rochelle Walden.

25 THE COURT: Ms. Walden, what's your

1 relationship to Jacob Walden?

2 MS. WALDEN: I'm his wife.

3 THE COURT: Do you guys live together?

4 MS. WALDEN: Yes.

5 THE COURT: Okay. And do you understand
6 that you're being asked to serve as a suretor on this
7 bond so that he can be released from court today?

8 MS. WALDEN: Yes.

9 THE COURT: Okay. Just to make -- just to
10 make sure that you understand, what that means is, he's
11 subject to certain conditions and as a signatory, there
12 could be consequences to you based upon his conduct.

13 Do you understand that's what's happening
14 here?

15 MS. WALDEN: Yes.

16 THE COURT: Okay. You're being also asked
17 to pledge a property that you own together in support
18 of that bond.

19 Do you understand that's the ask of you?

20 MS. WALDEN: Yes.

21 THE COURT: Okay. So the consequences of
22 his conduct, violating a condition, could lead to the
23 government seizing that property.

24 Do you understand that?

25 MS. WALDEN: Yes.

1 THE COURT: Okay. What do you do for work
2 or for income?

3 MS. WALDEN: I'm a mommy.

4 THE COURT: Okay. And you and your husband,
5 what's your approximate monthly or yearly income?

6 MS. WALDEN: I don't know.

7 THE COURT: Okay. Let me ask this and maybe
8 your lawyer knows. What is the approximate equity in
9 the home?

10 MR. BIENENFELD: The equity is probably
11 about \$800,000.

12 THE COURT: Okay. Ms. Walden, do you
13 understand that if -- it's a \$200,000 bond. The reason
14 we ask about income or other assets is if the property
15 is not sufficient to cover the \$200,000, the government
16 could seek to collect from you or your husband other
17 funds to cover that deficiency.

18 Do you understand that?

19 MS. WALDEN: Yes.

20 THE COURT: Okay. And you understand that
21 he's been charged with certain federal crimes?

22 MS. WALDEN: Yes.

23 THE COURT: Okay. And in light of
24 everything I've explained, are you still willing to be
25 a signatory on to the bond, even though it may have

1 financial consequences to you?

2 MS. WALDEN: Yes.

3 THE COURT: Okay. Do you have any questions
4 at all for me about your obligations or any of the
5 conditions or anything at all?

6 MS. WALDEN: I don't think so, no.

7 THE COURT: Okay. Here's what I'm going to
8 have you do. There are a couple of places for you to
9 sign, okay? There are five pages to this document and
10 the conditions are on page 1 and the last page, and the
11 places for you to sign are on pages 2 and 3, okay? If
12 you have any questions after reading that, just let me
13 know, okay? Ms. Walden, you may be seated unless you
14 have any questions.

15 MS. WALDEN: Thank you.

16 THE COURT: Okay, I make a couple of
17 findings. I find that Ms. Rochelle Walden is an
18 appropriate suretor. She understands the nature of her
19 obligations. I also find that Mr. Walden understands
20 the conditions and the consequences if he were to
21 violate them, and I'm going to sign in the various
22 places so that he can be released.

23 Anything else from the government?

24 MR. SANDLAR: Nothing else, your Honor.

25 THE COURT: Anything else on behalf of Mr.

1 Walden?

2 MR. BIENENFELD: Nothing. Thank you for
3 your time, Judge.

4 THE COURT: Okay. I wish you all good
5 health and if you'd like a copy of the bond, you should
6 hang out for a moment, okay?

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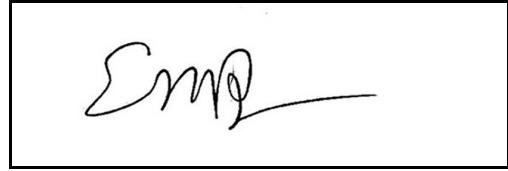
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